

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals received from various States including West Bengal for conservation and development of various cultures, customs and traditions during each of the last three years and the current year,
- (b) State-wise; the present status thereof along with the funds sanctioned and released to various institutions in the State;
- (c) the number of proposals cleared and pending so far along with the reasons for delay; and
- (d) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) to (d): This Ministry operates a number of Schemes for conservation and development of culture, customs and traditions of the country. Details of proposals received from various States including West Bengal under various Schemes are as follows: -

(i) Details of proposals received for Salary and Production Grant under the Scheme "Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals Engaged for Specified Performing Arts Projects" for the last three years and the current year and the amount released are given in Annexure -I.

The number of proposals cleared during the last three years and the current year is 2207. Proposals received are cleared by the Expert Committee from time to time.

(ii) Details of proposals received under the Schemes "Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture & Art" and "Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas" and the funds released in respect of the two Schemes are given at Annexure - II.

All complete/eligible proposals are placed before the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) for their consideration/ recommendation. Accordingly, funds are released after completion of procedural formalities in all the cases recommended by the EAC. Therefore, no proposal is kept pending.

(iii) Details of proposals received under the Scheme "Cultural Function Grant Scheme" showing proposals received and approved and State-wise funds released during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-III. Proposals received are cleared by the Expert Committee from time to time.